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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is responsive to the Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on March 14, 2005, in the above-identified patent application.

Applicants believe that no fee is due for this submission; however, if any fee is due, the Director is authorized to charge the required fee for this submission to Deposit Account No. 07-1700.

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Amendment and Response, reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and passage of the claims to allowance.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.